GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:857
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2002
EARTHQUAKE RELIEF TO GUJARAT Q U E S T I O N
BHAVNA DEVRAJ CHIKHALIA

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken a loan of 500 million US $ from Asian Development Bank (ADB) and 400 million US $ from World Bank for earthquake relief and reconstruction in Gujarat;

(b) whether the amount is passed on to State Government, 70% as loan and 30% as grant, for which State Government has to pay 12% interest;

(c) whether the State Government has requested to the Union Government for passing 70% as grant and 30% as loan, as it was an emergency assistance provided for an unprecedented natural calamity;

(d) if so, whether the Government have taken any decision in this regard; and

(e) if not, the time by which the decision is likely to be taken thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI ANANT G. GEETE)

(a) The Union Government have taken loans of US $ 350 M from Asian Development Bank (ADB) and US $ 704.33 M from World Bank (WB).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. The State Government`s request was considered but any deviation from the existing pattern of ACA (Additional Central Assistance) for EAPs (Externally Aided Projects) was not favoured.

(e) Not Applicable in view of reply given to part (d) above.